



**Arizona Central West
Zone Incident
Management Team**

**February Fire
NEWS RELEASE**

For Immediate Release:
Friday, February 10, 2006, 2:00 p.m.

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Acres: 1,250 acres
Start date: Monday, February 6, 2005
Cause: Human, abandoned campfire, under investigation
Location: 12 miles north of Payson, Arizona
Containment: 20 percent
Fuels: Chaparral, pine and juniper
Terrain: Rough, heavily broken terrain with steep slopes
Cost: Undetermined.
Total personnel: 300
Crews: 5 crews, additional crews ordered
Equipment: 15 engines, 4 dozers, 4 water tenders
Available air support: Three helicopters, two air tankers

The Arizona Central West Zone Incident Management Team has taken over the February Fire from the Coconino and Tonto national forests. Today, the plan is to take full advantage of the cooler weather, calmer winds and slightly higher relative humidity. Extensive air attack is planned for today. Crews and dozers continue building and reinforcing lines. Structural protection measures continue at the Bray Creek Ranch and the Camp Geronimo Boy Scout Camp.

As in all wildland fire management, firefighter and public safety is the first priority. Steep, rugged terrain along the Mogollon Rim is causing complications in the safe approach to the fire. For this reason, indirect attack is being conducted and burn-out operations are removing fuels ahead of the fire.

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